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REPUBLICAN EDITORS ORGANIZE.

The Republican editors of Missouri met in St. Joseph on Friday and Saturday and organized an editorial association. Three hundred were present. The convention was held in the Commercial Club rooms. This was the first meeting for organization the Republican editors ever held. It was a glorious success and great good will result to the party in this state from this organization. The reports brought in by the editors from all parts of the state were of a very encouraging character showing that the Republicans are united and determined to redeem Missouri at the next election.

The committee on credentials stated that since yesterday's meeting nearly fifty names had been added to the list of Republican editors who have signified their intention of working hand in hand with the members of the association in furthering the cause of Republicanism in this state. There are now enrolled 118 editors, and the committee hopes to add several more to the list. Missouri has in the neighborhood of 200 Republican editors.

The election of officers occupied but a few minutes of time. The name of C. M. Harrison, of Gallatin, Daviess county, for president, was accepted amid applause, and the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the convention in his favor.

H. H. Mitchell, of Clinton, was unanimously chosen secretary and treasurer of the association for the ensuing year.

President Harrison assured the convention that he would perform the duties of his office to which he had been elected with careful deliberation.

Secretary Mitchell was glad that he had the honor of doing a little something for the party to which, he said, he owes so much.

The following vice presidents were elected:

First district—H. C. Chinn, Canton.
Second district—D. B. Ormiston, Linneus.
Third district—C. N. Burnham, Cameron.
Fourth district—D. P. Dobyns, Oregon.
Fifth district—F. A. Marshall, Kansas City.
Sixth district—P. S. Griffith, Greenfield.
Seventh district—W. C. Hopper, Glasgow.
Eighth district—Mont McBride, Tusculum.

Ninth district—Fred Masterson, New Haven.

Tenth district—T. D. Walker, St. Louis.

Eleventh district—G. Gillispie, St. Louis.

Twelfth district—F. M. Poregate, St. Louis.

Thirteenth district—F. M. Deggendorf, Potosi.

Fourteenth district—L. F. Tromy, Poplar

Bluff.

Fifteenth district—W. J. Sewell, Carthage.

Sixteenth district—Sam Keller, Richland.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions touching upon the hospitality of the city of St. Joseph and the Commercial club submitted a suitable report, which was unanimously adopted.

President Harrison announced that the executive committee was as follows: J. E. Swanger, J. W. S. Dillion, E. C. Brokmeyer, James McCoy and A. T. Boothe.

Committee on constitution was named as follows: E. E. E. McJimney, H. R. Snyder and Philip Ganz.

The question of naming the time and place for the next annual meeting was left in the hands of the executive committee.

J. E. Swanger, of Milan, introduced the following resolution of thanks, which was unanimously adopted by the association:

"Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the association be tendered to Capt. Henry King, our president, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this, the first meeting of the association, and to H. R. Snyder, our secretary, for the efficient performance of his duties, and to the arrangement committee for its work in so successfully promoting the organization of the association."

REAL REPUBLICAN RECIPROCITY.

The reciprocity advocated by the Republican party is that which comes under President McKinley's definition of "opening up new markets for the products of our country by granting concessions to the products of other lands that we need and cannot produce ourselves, and which do not involve any loss of labor to our own people, but tend to increase their employment." The Republican party is a unit in support of them. It may be taken for granted that whatever treaties are made will be on those lines. President Roosevelt will work in harmony with the senate and house. There is no "impending war" on this subject or any other. The Republican party is as strong now in favor of "continuing the policy that has been so brilliantly successful in the past" as it has been at any other time. The wonderful success of that policy was never more evident than in the trade returns of the present time.

GREAT DISTRESS IN CHINA.

Washington, November 25.—John Goodnow, consul general at Shanghai, reports to the state department that there are over a half

million of people in the Yang Tze valley who will starve this winter unless they get help from the outside. A committee of foreigners and Chinese has been formed in Shanghai to relieve the conditions of these people, and all foreigners in China are subscribing liberally. Contributions may be made through the British consul general at Shanghai, Mr. P. L. Warren, who is chairman of the relief committee.

WHY NOT HAVE IT?

A meeting was held in the office of Ernest D. Martin on last Thursday night by quite a number of the citizens. The purpose of which was to discuss and organize a prospecting company to bore for gas, lead, oil, zinc, salt, gold and other minerals in Saline county. The mayor, John Blair, was elected chairman and Ernest D. Martin secretary.

Speeches were made by Mayor Blair, Dr. W. S. Holland, Chas. Petry, I. N. Terrell, E. D. Thompson, H. W. Kolkmeier and Ernest Martin. It was the opinion of those present that Saline county abounded in very valuable minerals, and that her citizens should unite in an effort to discover these values under the ground; and that means and ways should be provided to develop the wonderful mineral resources of Saline county.

T. W. Lacy, John Blair, Hayden Colvert, M. F. Ming, Joseph Hamil, A. F. Rector, R. E. Holloway, U. A. McBride, R. E. L. Smith, L. P. Viley and E. D. Martin were selected as a committee to solicit subscriptions to stock in a prospecting company. The shares in this company are within reach of all, and are placed at \$10 each, as will be seen by the following subscription list: "We the undersigned hereby subscribe for the number of shares of stock set opposite our names in a prospecting company to be organized for the purpose of boring for oil, gas or other valuable substances and for prospecting and mining for coal, lead, zinc, salt and other minerals in Saline county, Mo., said shares to be of the par value of \$10 each, and payable one half in cash at the time of organization of the company and the balance to be paid as per the call of the board of directors, as shall hereafter be elected and determined. The subscription shall not be binding until not less than \$5,000 shall be subscribed hereto in good faith."

This is certainly an enterprising move, and if it can go forward, and we see no reason why it can not, it will mean much toward the advancement of Saline County. So we may be able to have mineral as well as agricultural products on exhibition at the World's Fair in St. Louis.